departments, the most important of which is the Desert Development Programme (DDP), a central sector scheme of the Department of Rural Development.

Report of the Kudal Commission

747. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 469 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th January, 1985 and state:

(a) whether the study of the several reports submitted by the Kudal Commission has since been completed by Government;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether the recommendations made by Kudal Commission have since been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) The Kudal Commission of Inquiry has submitted six interim reports and a final report. The 1st Report and 2nd & 3rd reports alongwth 'Action Taken Memorandum' were placed on the Table of the Lok Sabha on 4-12-85 and 7-5-86 respectively. The remaining reports are being studied by the Government.

Setting up of Development Boards in Maharashtra

748. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 433 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th January, 1985 and state:

(a) whther any final decision has since been taken to set up Development Boards for Vidharbha, Marathwada and for the rest of Maharashtra; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) The matter is still being pursued with the Government of Maharashtra.

Removal of Shri Venkateswaran, Former Foreign Secretary

749. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news report which appeared in the Indian Express of the 22nd February, 1987 to the effect that in an extraordinary session, members of the Indian Foreign Service Association had expressed their resentment over the manner in which the removal of Shri Venkateswaran, former Foreign Secretary, was announced during Prime Minister's Press Conference;

(b) whether he had received the resolution;

(c) if so, the contents thereof and Government's reaction thereto; and

(d) whether the service officers felt demoralised?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Some members of the IFS Association met the External Affairs Minister on January 22 and handed over to him a copy of the resolution passed by the Association.

(c) The resolution passed by the IFS Association was treated by that body as an internal matter and is not